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**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL]**

We have watched the Sammamish City Council practice a low level of transparency throughout meetings and functions of responsibilities. Now, it looks like they are focusing on traffic concurrency to determine changes in our city's comprehensive plan; the changes will have a significant impact on the residents of Sammamish. Where is the transparency? Public hearings should have been scheduled and encouraged. Has there been any public deliberation by the planning commission or the City Council?

The EIS does not address the lack of affordable housing, which is a huge shortcoming of Sammamish. Teachers, police, firefighters, and many young families cannot afford the rent and high cost to purchase a home. Also, the EIS does not offer solutions to the impact of greenhouse gas emissions and land use, which would include transportation options that reduce collective miles traveled.

Sammamish should hold a minimum of two public hearings on the Draft BLUMA EIS at separate council meetings. Study sessions, planning commission meetings followed by public hearings before the City Council would even consider the draft documents. The residents need to be informed; that is done through transparency.

I do not agree with the current Environmental Impact Study. As a 34-year resident of Sammamish, I am asking for more opportunities to present public comments.

Thank you,

Paula Harper-Christensen

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